पेट्रोलियम और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों, खाद्य के तेल आयात में वृद्धि आदि।

(घ) अप्रैल–जून, 1990 के दौरान 9305 करोड़ रुपये के आयात हुए जो अप्रैल–जून, 1989 के दौरान हुए 7773 करोड़ रुपये के आयात की तुलना में 19.7 प्रतिशत अधिक थे।

(ङ) अप्रैल–जून, 1990 में आयात की गई वस्तुओं का अलग-अलग ब्यौरा उपलब्ध नहीं है। तथापि वर्तमान अनुमानों के अनुसार जिन मदों के आयात में वृद्धि हुई है, उनमें शामिल है: पेट्रोलियम एवं पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद, उर्वरक खाद्य तेल, दाले, लौह-धातु अयस्क एवं धातु की कतरनी, अखबारी कागज, अपरिष्कृत रबड़, मशीनरी, कार्बनिक और अकार्बनिक रसायन, रंजक, कमाने की और रंगसज्जा की सामग्री, कृत्रिम रार्ल, प्लास्टिक सामग्री, व्यावसायिक औजार आदि।

Alleged Bungling in the Allotment of Steel

1920. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (Delhi Branch) has suffered losses worth crores of rupees due to bungling in allotment of thousands of tonnes of steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the firms to which steel has been supplied during the past six months by the Delhi branch of SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) SAIL, including its Delhi Branch Office supplies materials to a large number of customers in terms of the JPC distribution guidelines.

The question does not make any specific reference to any particular unit or order. On a specific reference being made available from the Hon'ble Member, it should be possible to furnish a reply to the question.

Concession to Exporters

1921. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend the scheme for the import of capital goods on concessional rates of duty with export obligation to new exporters;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for widening the scope of the Scheme; and

(c) what has been the impact of these concessions in boosting exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The scheme for import of Capital Goods at concessional rate of Customs duty of 25% of the value of the imported goods to established exporters has been introduced only recently. It is expected that this Scheme will boost exports considerably. As yet, it is too early to assess the impact.

Measures to make easy availability of Gold to Jewellery Sector

1922. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to ensure easy availability of gold in the jewellery sector for export production;

(b) if so, whether any policy in this regard has been worked out by

the Commerce Ministry in consultation with the Jewellery Export Promotion Council; and

(c) by what time a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (c) Government has taken a series of measures to improve the availability of gold for export production of jewellery taking into account the suggestions of the trade & industry. These include special arrangements by the Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC) for supply of gold to specialised Gem and Jewellery Export Production Complexes, repeal of the Gold Control Act and availability of credit. Further input support is being extended whenever necessary in consultation with trade and industry.

Vacation of 'Stay' Order obtained by M/s Bombay Dyeing in CEGAT

1923. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1095 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) what action Government have taken to vacate the 'stay' order obtained by M/s. Bombay Dyeing in CEGAT;

(b) what is the outcome of the miscellaneous application filed by the Customs Department before the CEGAT for expeditious hearing of the above matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that whenever Government revenue is involved no 'stay' order is granted without obtaining a valid bank guarantee for the involved amount; and

(d) if so, whether any bank guarantee was obtained and/or insisted upon by the Department in the instant case indicating the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT) has finally disposed off the Miscellaneous application and the appeal and has remanded the matter back to Collector of Customs, Bombay for adjudication on some points.

(c) and (d) The authority granting stay generally specifies the conditions subject to which the stay is being granted. The stay may be subject to furnishing a Bank Guarantee/Cash security/bond etc. depending upon the facts of each case and as per the judgement of the authority granting the stay. In this cast the duty amount has been secured by a bank guarantee to the tune of Rs. 1.15 crores and balance amount is covered by a simple bond.

Trade with Australia

1924. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had discussed the issue relating to bilateral trade and economic matters with the Foreign Minister of Australia recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the fields in which two countries have agreed upon for stepping up the trade; and

(c) when the next meeting of the Indo-Australia Joint Commission is likely to be held and where it is to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.